

CONFIDENTIALMarch 8th, 1960COCOM Document No. 3903COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONTHE CLASSIFICATION OF STANDING WAVE DETECTORS3rd March, 1960

Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey,
United Kingdom, United States.

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1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the question which had been raised by the German Delegation concerning the classification of standing wave detectors. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The FRENCH Delegate said that his authorities considered that standing wave detectors were accessories to test or radar equipment used at frequencies of more than 500 megacycles and were therefore covered by Item 1529(a).
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that in the opinion of his authorities it was clearly the intent of Item 1529 to cover the instruments described in the German statement. These instruments were used only in conjunction with the high frequency measuring equipment caught by Item 1529 and could not be used on their own. The United States authorities thought that the intent and effect of the present definition were clearly to cover the equipment about which the German Delegation had raised a question, but they would be glad to participate in an attempt to remove any ambiguities if this were thought necessary. They were in any case glad that this particular problem had been raised.
4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate agreed that it was useful that this problem had been raised. The equipment concerned was useless on its own but was an important component of microwave test benches and was covered by Item 1529. Administrative Principle No. 4 was relevant in this context.
5. The GERMAN Delegate expressed his thanks for the views which had been given. His authorities would not fail to propose further discussion of this question if they felt it was necessary.

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